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DOGS FOR USE IN WAR

HOW THEY ARE TRAINED IN A LIT-TLE TOWN IN AUSTRIA.

The Intelligence They Display Is Simply us-How They Hunt Out and Suc-

Some 80 miles west of Vienna the litle market town of Wels nestles in the foothills of the Austrian Alps, which here rise in bold cliffs from the banks of

The forests of the neighborhood are too open to harbor much game, but a stranger stopping at the summer hotel of the little town might easily be led to believe that the citizens must be the most indefatigable hunters of the Austro-Hungarian empire. From morning till night, and sometimes till long after dark, he may hear the echo of shots and the barking and howling of dogs approaching the town or dying away in the distant hills, and occasionally auswered from far and near, as if all the sportsmen of the northern Alps had met n convention.

For this is one of the stations where

Kriegshunde—war dogs—are trained. The plan of training dogs for military purposes was first adopted by the French garrisons in Algiers, but has since been tried with great success in Prussia, Italy and especially in Austria, where four footed messengers have for many years been taught to carry letters to the snow bound villages of the Alpine highlands. The shaggy collies used for that purpose make the best war dogs and can be trained to race in a bee line to the next military post and announce their arrival by a peculiar bark that is at once recognized and answered by the shout of a

They will also range a long chain of hills in quest of wounded soldiers, and either dash back to report their discoveries or stand guard at the side of the cripple till an ambulance party comes near enough to be signaled by a long drawn howl.

Trainers send out three or four of their shaggy pupils at once and ascertain their proficiency by all sorts of ingenious tests. Soldiers instructed to act the part of helpless cripples will hide in thickets or caverns and keep still till the dog tugs at their sleeves, when they will sit up and reward his sagneity with a piece of

They then try to rise, but pretend to be too weak to walk or even to shoot, and ask the dog to call for assistance. If help is near, Collie will set up a loud howl, repeated at shorter and shorter intervals, till the signal is answered from the val-ley below. If his appeals should remain unbeeded, he will mount the next rock and look about as if to impress the lay of the land on his mind, and then dash off to summon help from headquarters.

Should two cripples intimate their need of aid at the same time, Collie will guide the rescuing party to the hiding place of the one farthest away, and help them to pick up or somehow assist the the other man on their way home.

Messenger dogs carry letters in a small bag wrapped around their collar and will permit only the proper officials to touch that collar. A noncommissioned officer, displaying the insignia of his rank, may venture to remove the bag, but the dog will follow him and see to it that he gets

Private soidiers are "stood off" with a menacing growl. Persons wearing the uniform of the enemy cannot stop the messenger with anything but an extremely well aimed shot. Dogs racing along the battle front will dodge bullets by running zigzag and develop a marvelous talent for taking advantage of every cover, running through the highest grass or along the safe side of rocks and fallen trees.

Picket post dogs are selected from a different breed. The half shepherd, half wolf dogs that carry letters and hunt up cripples are not entirely devoid of scent and can find their way back home in a manner not wholly explicable on the theory of keen eyesight. But for effi-ciency in the role of sentries they yield the palm to a species of deerhounds that

do their best work after dark. On picket duty a well trained sentinel of that breed will scent the approach of a troop of cavalry before a man, with his ear on the ground, can hear the trampling of the horses. The dog sentry will announce his discovery in a more dis-creet way than the Scotch widow who screamed through the citadel of Lucknow when her "inner car" heard the approaching bagpipe of the McGregors. Phylax on scenting danger will step up close to his uniformed companion, and after a pause of silence and keen atten-tion will announce his suspicion by low growls, getting more frequent rather than louder, as the cause for alarm be-comes more unmistakable.

The best dogs of that breed have "challenged" cavalry from a distance of three to five miles, according to the direction of the wind, and infantry from nearly of the wind, and infantry from nearly two miles. They can be trained to an-nounce the approach of a known friend in a quite different way—viz, by leaping to and fro or crouching down and jump-ing up by turns, but without the warn-ing growl of the danger signal.—F. L. Oswald in Youth's Companion.

A Massage Stone.

A "massage stone" is coming into use in England that is made of unglazed china and provided with a sort of dorsal lump for holding in the hand and has the rubbing surface slightly undulated, not to say ridged. The stone is white, and even when used on recently washed skin it soon becomes darkened, showing that it squeezes a good deal of material from the pores.—London Letter.

A DUTCHMAN HOODOOED.

Wily Negro "Doctor" Pulled Up In

The famous hoodoo doctor, Peter Davis, colored, of Columbia, has had a preliminary hearing before Trial Justice Brunson on the charge of fraud and obtaining money under false pretences. The victim was a Dutchman named Hohler, who farms several miles from

The examination was very interesting and quite amusing, Mr. Charles G. Dantzler representing the Dutchman and Mr. Henry H. Brunson of the firm of Izlar, Lathrop & Brunson appeared in behalf of the hoodoo, Hohler appeared to be completely disgusted with the treatment of hoodoos. In his testimony he said among other things that Peter had given him "graveyard dirt" to distribute around his farm, telling him that he would make a large crop by using the mystic dirt freely. Hohler used the dirt, "but," said he, "your honor, I plant 15 acre and make only one bale cotton."

Peter at another time sold the Dutch man some "dead men's powder," which was guaranteed to make Hohler's some what poor, but not sick, mule lively. "Your honor," said the very mad Dutch-man," after I gif mit m de medicine he lie down in de road wid me and my wife on de way home, and he neffer been such a mule as he vas pefore ven I bot him from Heary von Ohsen," Hohler got a gourd and some powders from old Peter on another occasion. These he was to use for the general all round bealth of his family. He was to scrape the seed from the gourd at 12 o'clock one night, and at 12 o'clock the next night he was to sweep his yard clean and sprinkle the seed around the house. The gourd was to be filled with 13 drops of water of a peculiar hoodoo kind and some other fluid, then hung up in the house.

In summing up his testimony Hohler said that "Doctor" Peter had robbed him of his crop, made his mule lie down in the road when he promised to make the mula lively, and had made all his "family sicker than dey vas pefore dey took de medicine." Such was about the gist of the complaints that the Dutchman had to make against the hoodoo. Peter was put under a bond of \$200 to appear at the next court of general sessions for this county.-Orangeburg Cor. Charleston News and Courier.

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